

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0055]:

[0055.1] FIG. 22 illustrates the potential inventory reduction in adopting the modular components of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0075] with the following amended paragraph:

[0075] Further yet, modularity of the present invention can also save the manufacturer tremendous inventory costs, especially if existing instrumentation can be used. The charts below summarize one potential manufacturing cost savings. The chart on the left shows a typical number of components for a non-modular femoral knee system. The chart on the right shows a typical number of components utilizing the modular components of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 22, an inventory can be reduced by approximately 41 components.

Please delete the drawing beginning at page 12, line 19, which starts with "The number of components".